



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

Last Saturday, Officer Frank Shaw pulled over a suspected drunk driver, and the man was asked to do some field sobriety tests. Following a less than stellar performance in the one leg stand, the driver commented, "Come on, I can't do that s--t drunk." Quickly realizing that this was probably not the right thing to say, he corrected himself by saying, "I mean, I can't do that s--t whether I am drunk or sober!" Pretty good recovery...He was ultimately arrested, blew a .16 alcohol content and was booked into the jail.

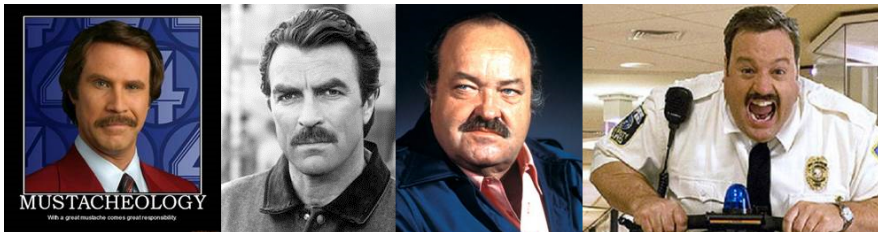
This next case has elements we see a lot in domestic abuse cases. Officers were called to a store in downtown Bremerton for an unknown problem called in by an employee. They found a female customer who said she had been punched in the face by her boyfriend, who had fled on foot toward the ferry terminal. She was not entirely cooperative, but did say she was struck and wanted him arrested, and that this apparently was not the first time he had done this. As Officer John Bogen was speaking with her, Officer Jacob Switzer located the male suspect. At the same time, the female victim walked away from Officer Bogen and toward the suspect, because now she did not want him charged. The suspect was also uncooperative and was arrested. In Washington State, as in most states, the victim in a domestic violence incident does not need to "press" charges to have the suspect arrested.

Starting last week, we sent out [signs and a letter](#) to Bremerton retailers who sell alcohol, to begin a voluntary restriction on morning sales of cheap, high-alcohol products. We appreciate the support of the alcohol distributors and the Chamber in this effort to continue to improve neighborhoods. The restrictions starts November 1.

Here's some more evidence that the ["High Five"](#) list and our efforts to make Bremerton a less hospitable place for chronic offenders is having some effect. After much investigation last week, officers located a previous "High Five" suspect, who currently had a felony Dept. of Corrections arrest warrant. The suspect was asked what he had been up to lately, since we had heard he moved out of the area. The man said he was "doing backyard work" so the police would not see him. For example, he explained that he had done some handyman work, and had "installed a window in a house for a lady." He said he did the installation at midnight so he would not be noticed by the police. Despite these efforts, he is now in jail. Eventually, the message will get through. You will also notice on this week's updated "High Five" list that there are now two people of the five in jail - one of whom turned himself in because he heard "he was on the list."

As Det. Floyd May retires from our department and we thank him for his excellent service to our community, we also welcome a new member to BPD starting next month. Jeff Schaefer will be coming to us from the Kitsap County Sheriff's Department, where he has served as a Deputy in our area for many years. We are excited to have Jeff, and welcome aboard!

November is upon us again:



As we did last year, our department members will be participating in our version of "Movember", where officers can have a goatee or beard for the month of November, which is normally against our policy, if they contribute to Kitsap Cancer Services. So - if you see a BPD Officer who is more hirsute than usual, now you know why!

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